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Shigeaki TOCHIMOTO, et al.

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The following amendment and remarks are submitted in response to the Official
Action mailed September 5, 2002.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the abstract as follows:

In a 3D product forming apparatus, a nozzle head includes nozzles that respectively jet binders colored in yellow, magenta, cyan, and a nozzle that jets a binder colored in white. A powder layer can be formed on a product forming stage, and the binders are jetted onto the formed powder layer from the nozzle head. At a predetermined region in the powder layer, the powder is bound by the binders. The binders are jetted each time when a powder layer is laminated in forming a plurality of